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WORLD BANK EVOLVES NEW STRATEGY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `World Bank evolves new strategy` appearing in the Tribune dated November 19, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether sustainable development and continuity is the main theme of the agenda;

(d) if so, the details of the agenda; and

(e) the new strategy evolved by the World Bank?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) to (e): The World Bank`s strategy for agricultural and rural development emphasises on sustainable development and continuity, even after projects undertaken with their financial assistance are completed. The elements of agenda and renewed strategy for sustainable development are:
- Participatory process through community involvement in selecting treatments, participating in sustainable application of such treatments and long term management of assets created through projects.
- Socio economic aspects to ensure that benefits reach more marginalised and vulnerable sections of the rural population in the States.
- Developing rural infrastructure including roads and market facilities etc.
- Institutional strengthening, such as, community capacity building, strengthening of policy reforms, human resource development, improvement in knowledge management, monitoring and evaluation, and strengthening project management.
- Empowering women by improving their capacity to manage development by promoting income generating activities.